

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
WESTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT RYAN HICKS,

Defendant.

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Case No. 16-00181-01-CR-W-GAF

ORDER

On December 4, 2017, Defendant appeared pursuant to Fed.R.Crim.P. 11, Local Rule 72.1(j)(27), and 28 U.S.C. § 636 and entered a plea of guilty to the lesser included charge as contained in Count One of the Indictment (doc. 1) before United States Magistrate Judge John T. Maughmer. On December 4, 2017, Judge Maughmer issued his Report and Recommendation (doc. 145). Objections were due on or before December 18, 2017. No objections were filed.

Upon careful and independent review, this Court finds that defendant's plea was knowledgeable and voluntary and that the offense charged is supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential elements of such offense. Accordingly, this Court hereby adopts and incorporates as its own Opinion and Order the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge John T. Maughmer.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that defendant's plea of guilty is accepted and defendant is adjudged guilty. The defendant's sentencing hearing will be scheduled and the parties notified of the date and time of sentencing.

SO ORDERED.

s/ Gary A. Fenner

GARY A. FENNER, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DATED: December 20, 2017